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Dear PSUSD Family Members:

I reach out to you this morning with a very heavy heart as we mourn the loss of children and adults who were killed in yet another senseless shooting in Texas yesterday. This comes shortly after several other tragic and difficult to process public shooting incidents over the last few weeks. There are no words to describe the devastation of such a tragedy, and all of us here in Palm Springs Unified grieve with those who have lost a loved one.


If you find that your child(ren) are in need of emotional support as they process this difficult and potentially traumatic news, please do not hesitate to reach out to your school site administrator or our mental health department. I also offer resources from the National Association of School Psychologists to assist with some strategies on how you can talk to your child(ren) about violence: [Tips for Parents- Resources for Talking to Children.](#)

The safety of our students and staff has been and always will be our top priority. School safety and preparedness is always a topic of discussion and attention; however, in light of these recent incidents, I am meeting with our Executive Director of Security and Disaster Preparedness to review all of our procedures to ensure that our District and schools are well prepared for any situation.

As a parent or family member you can also help, at a time like this it may be important to reassure your child that they are safe and to encourage your child to talk to you about how they are feeling after hearing about the school shooting. It can also serve as a reminder to students about the importance of sharing anything that doesn't look, sound or feel right to them with a trusted adult. Events such as these serve as a crucial reminder that we must all be vigilant and fully aware of our surroundings at all times. Any perceived threat of harm, no matter how big or small, should be taken seriously, and all of our staff members in this District are committed to doing just that.

Thank you for all you do to support your children each and every day, and please don't hesitate to reach out if we can help at this time or any time in the future.

Sincerely,



Mike Swize, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools